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Offers for PARC property considered

Don Howard
Staff Writer

The sale of 9.64 acres of land, the last large track of green space in downtown Plymouth, may be imminent as talks with potential buyers continue.

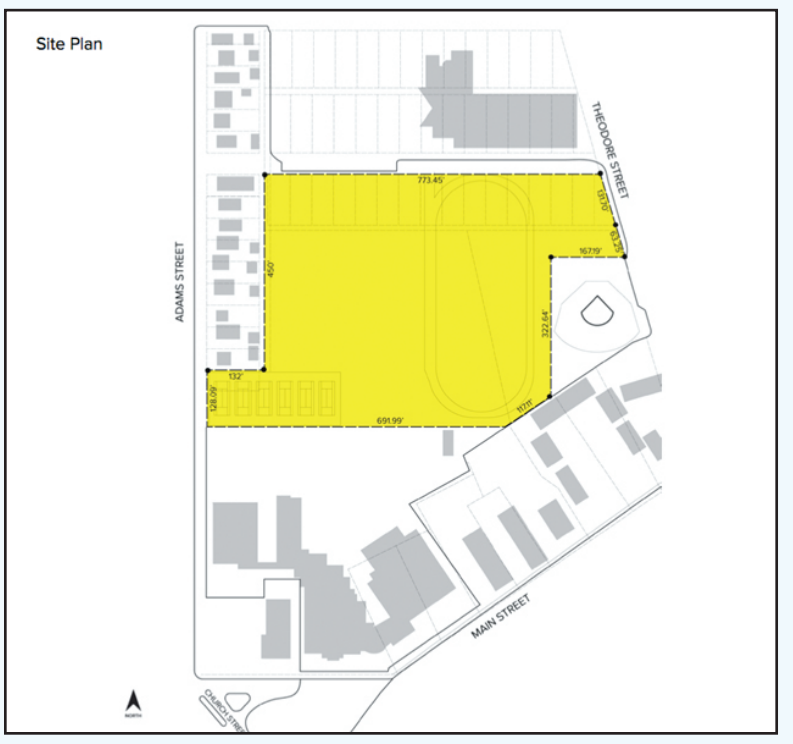
According to Don Soenen, president of the Plymouth Arts and Recreation Complex, talks have been under way with city officials regarding the sale of two thirds of the initial 16.6 acre site near the Miracle League fields and the Plymouth Cultural Center.

Philanthropists Mark and Patty Malcolm spent $3.25 million in 2015 to purchase the property from the Plymouth-Canton Community School District then donated the school to a non-profit 501-C3 corporation, the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan, to save the building from destruction. The school district purportedly had a buyer who planned to construct 63 single-family homes on the acreage, based on zoning approval from the City of Plymouth.

According to Soenen, the latest land sale is necessary to fend off expenses for major and essential capital improvements needed at the 100-year-old building following voters' rejection last year of a proposed .75 mill to be levied in both Plymouth and Plymouth Township. The funding, requested for 20 years, would have allowed for maintenance at the former Central Middle School and provided funds for a performing arts theater on the site, Soenen said.

"We have adequate cash flow now for everything we're now doing," Soenen said of the current PARC facilities which has 23 full-time paying tenants.

Soenen said he hopes the property located within walking distance to the downtown district will sell for at least $5 million. It's a ready-to-build site with all utilities, zoned for residential and master-planned for mixed-use and multi-family development, he added. His vision for development of the parcel is for "a combination of apartments, condos and homes with walking path and bike paths."



The current land for sale in downtown Plymouth adjacent to the Plymouth Arts and Recreation Complex is being sold by Signature Associates.

The sale property runs 578 feet south from the back of the PARC building to Farmer Street behind the backyards of the

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Butt out

Lung disease, deaths prompt warnings about vaping, smoking

Julie Brown
Staff Writer

With the increasing news of teens being hospitalized with serious lung damage caused by 'vaping' and smoking, young people are being targeted by non-smoking advertising and advocacy groups, encouraging them to avoid all nicotine delivery systems. The recent death last week of a Chicago man who developed a serious lung disease after vaping has prompted warnings about any type smoking or vaping.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported last week that 149 people nationwide had contracted a severe respiratory illness after vaping.

At 28, Adam Jonik is grateful to be a nonsmoker and grateful to his mom, who is a big part of that life choice.

"It was something that just didn't really interest me," the Canton Township resident said.

"It was something I tried one time when I was a child."

Jonik's mother had her middle school-age son try smoking a cigarette in front of her, he said. "She knew peer pressure was going to be a big thing," he said of her intentional teaching.

Health care professionals

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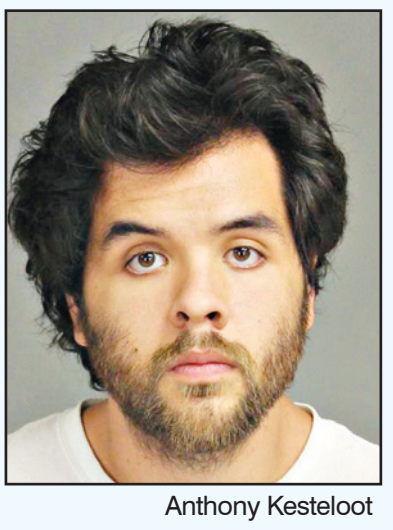
Multiple charges filed in death of missing woman

Anthony Kesteloot, 25, is facing charges associated with the death of a Westland woman missing for several days.

According to police reports, Kesteloot directed them to the body of 23-year-old Olivia Rossi which was found partially submerged in the Rouge River in the Middlebelt Hills section of Hines Park at about 4 p.m. last Friday, Aug. 23.


Anthony Kesteloot

According to the prosecutor, Kesteloot went to Rossi's Westland home at about 10 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 18 and picked her up in his truck. He eventually drove to his home in the 29150 block of Manchester in Westland.

The defendant's twin sister, Raquel Rossi, told investigators that her sibling had texted her later Sunday night saying the man "was acting weird" according to reports of the situation. Rossi was not seen again by her family prior to Kestelloot directing police to her remains.

Police said that Kestelroot claims Rossi died in his apartment and that he subsequently transported her body to Hines Park.

> *Neither Rossi's cause of death or time of death were provided by police or the prosecutor's office.*

After investigation by Westland police, Kesteloot was formally charged in the incident. He was arraigned Monday in 18th District Court in Westland before Judge Mark McConnell on charges of disinterment of a dead body, obstruction of justice, removing a dead body, failure to report a dead body and tampering with evidence in a criminal case. He received a $100,000 cash or surety bond from the court.

Westland police and Worthy's office said no further information would be forthcoming as the incident remains under investigation. Neither Rossi's cause of death or time of death were provided by police or the prosecutor's office.

Kesteloot is scheduled for a probable cause conference Sept. 5 before McConnell and his preliminary examination is set for Sept. 12 before Judge Sandra Cicirelli.

Rossi and her twin would have celebrated their 24th birthdays this week. A GoFundMe page has been established to help the family with funeral expenses.

Canton

Registration for BLOCK programs open

> *We watch participants grow into confident, well-spoken, and understanding community members.*

Registration is now under way for the Lead #LikeAGirl, Be A #ModelMan, and Youth Advisory Council Programs for the 2019-2020 school year.

These free programs are available through The B.L.O.C.K. Youth & Teen Center and offer development in critical life skills, such as self-confidence, interpersonal communication skills, managing stress and leadership skills.

Lead #LikeA Girl was developed in 2015 by The B.L.O.C.K. Youth & Teen Center. It is a nine-month program that enables participants to challenge themselves, discuss relevant issues that young girls face with their peers, and foster relationships with female role models within the community. This award-winning program serves a diverse group of young women ages 11-15 and is designed to change the way that these participants, and the community-at-large, think about what it means to Lead #LikeAGirl…and ultimately live #LikeAGirl.

Be A #ModelMan, established in 2016, is designed to grow six core values, including: integrity, empathy, compassion, inner strength, courage, and respect. Monthly one-day themed workshops take place from September through May and are designed to inform program participants ages 11-15 about community and government resources through tours and guest speakers. In addition, program curriculum encourages participants to interact and foster relations with public servants and community "heroes," who embody what it means to Be A #Modelman.

The Canton Youth Advisory Council asserts itself as an influential group of area high school students who truly make a difference in their community. Members participate in community service projects, lead special events, participate in local decision making, and award annual grants to organizations that benefit Canton Youth.

"Each year it has been an amazing experience getting to work with such a bright and talented group of young people," said Program Coordinator Laura Mortier. "We watch participants grow into confident, well-spoken, and understanding community members."

Program participants must meet one of the following criteria in order to apply: reside in Canton or attend a Canton school or be a current member of The B.L.O.C.K Youth & Teen Center.

Interested future candidates are encouraged to apply through The B.L.O.C.K. Youth and Teen Center website at www.canton-mi.org/146 and must be submitted by Sept. 13. Program space is limited, so organizers encourage applicants to apply early.

Local volunteers and financial support have helped these programs expand their positive programming opportunities. Some current and past sponsors include: MASCO, Community Financial Credit Union, Eastern Michigan University, and the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan. Sponsorship opportunities are still available for individuals, businesses, and foundations to assist in the development of future sessions. To become involved, contact Mortier at (734) 394-5376 or email lmortier@canton-mi.org.

The B.L.O.C.K. Youth and Teen Center is located on the third floor of the Canton Administration Building at 1150 S. Canton Center Road in Canton.

Warning

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are also well aware of increased tobacco and nicotine health risks. Registered nurse Charlene Jones, also a Canton resident, said of the latest non-tobacco nicotine delivery system, vaping "It's still damaging to their lungs and you're developing a habit that's not good," she said.

Jones, who works for IHA in Ann Arbor, agrees it's best for teens to never smoke. She and other health care professionals support programs to end tobacco use.

"It's still chemicals you're putting in your body," she added.

In an effort to help teens quit the habit, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) is partnering with the National Jewish Health and eight other states on a tobacco cessation program designed to help teens who want to stop using tobacco products, including electronic cigarettes and vapes. Nearly 5 million teens across the U.S. are vaping and using tobacco.

The new My Life, My Quit program includes educational materials designed for teens and created through focus groups with teens, subject matter experts and community stakeholders. Teens can text or call a toll-free number - 855-891-9989 - or they can visit MyLifeMyQuit.com for real-time coaching.

Jonik graduated from the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools district, and appreciates teachers at Discovery Middle School, starting around sixth grade, who factually told of tobacco risks.

"Teachers don't necessarily censor themselves. They speak freely," Panera Bread staffer Jonik said of that time in his schooling. He saw a diseased pig lung, adding "You get a visual representation of what your body would look like."

Through the My Life, My Quit program, teens work with a coach who listens and understands their needs, provides personalized support and helps them build a quit plan to become free from nicotine.

The School Health Survey System, Michigan Profile for Healthy Youth, has shown an escalating rate of youth use of e-cigarettes in 2017-18 compared to 2015-16. Increases in 39 of the state's counties ranged from 29 percent to 118 percent.

Jonik, for his part, believes teachers and parents need to be honest about health risks of smoking. "You're not educated when you're making these decisions," Jonik said of some adults who he believes are overprotective of young people.

"We know more teens are vaping and using tobacco and may need help quitting," said Dr. Joneigh Khaldun, MDHHS chief medical executive and chief deputy director for health, in a statement. "This new program combines best practices for tobacco cessation adapted to teens to include vaping and new ways for teens to reach quit coaches using real-time text messaging and online chat."

National Jewish Health QuitLogix® is an evidence-based, comprehensive tobacco cessation program that provides personalized coaching, print and online resources to help people quit smoking or using tobacco products. National Jewish Health currently operates the quitline for 16 states and numerous health plans. The program has helped thousands of adults quit using tobacco and has a nearly 40 percent participant quit rate for people who receive coaching and medications, one of the highest quit rates in the country.

More than 140,000 Michigan residents have used the Quitline for adults or the online coaching program to help them in their journey toward a tobacco-free life.

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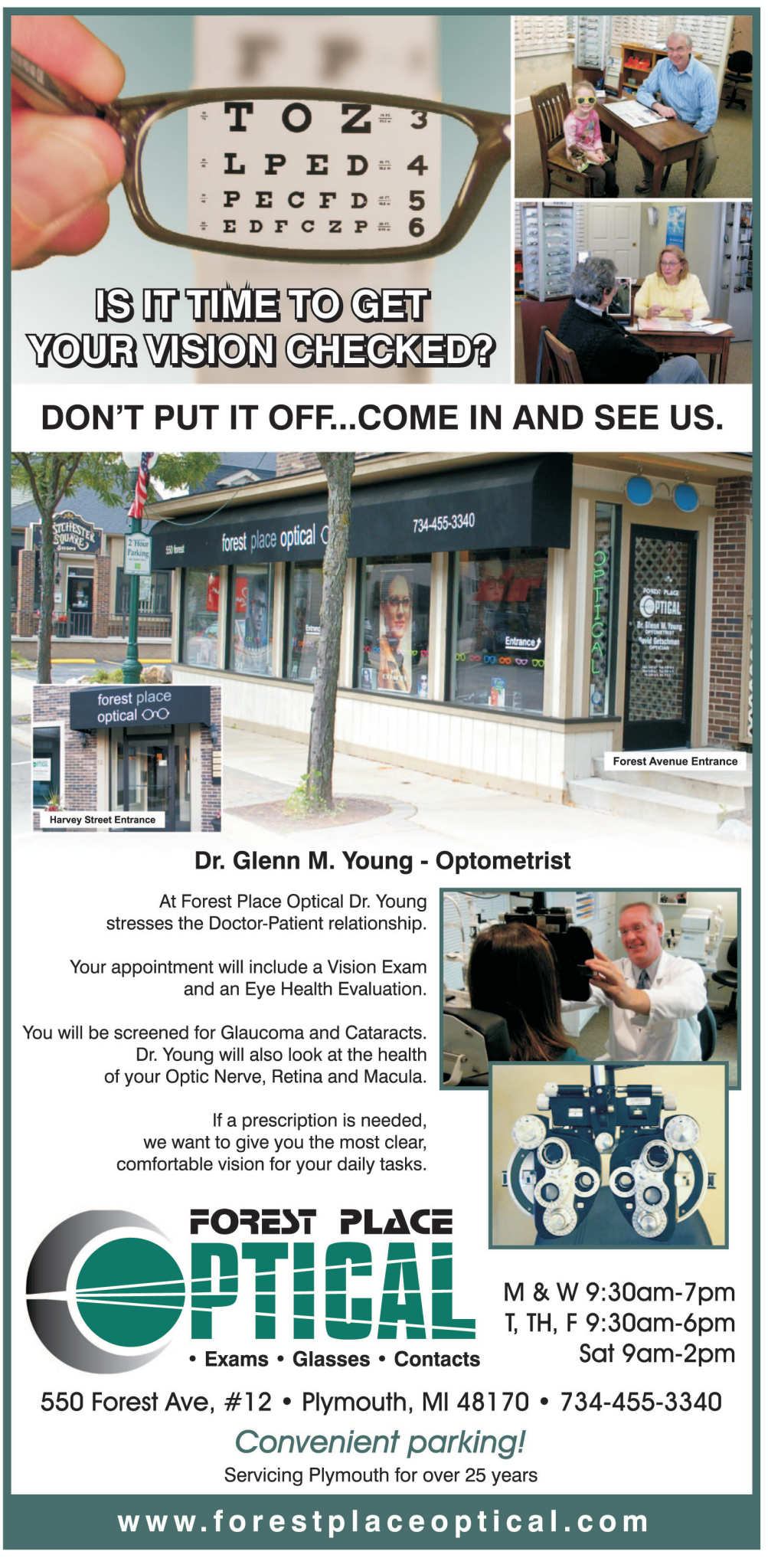
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PLYMOUTH - WAYNE

On the block

Rare Harroun auto is up for bid

One of the only known remaining Harroun Motors Corp. vehicles manufactured in the City of Wayne in 1919 will go up for sale next month. The car has never left the City of Wayne where the original owner purchased it, according to a member of the Wayne Historical Society.

It is not one of the new 2020 model cars coming on the market this fall that has members of the Wayne Historical Society entranced, but rather a century-old 1919 Harroun that will be auctioned off next month.

The car was originally purchased by a Wayne family in the city where it was manufactured and never left Michigan. The previous owner passed away last year and his estate put the vehicle up for auction through Sothebys. With an estimated sale price of $15-$20,000, members of the Wayne Historical Society are wishing they had the means to purchase the piece of city history.

"It is out of our reach to buy, but it is nice to know that one has survived," a society member said.

Only around 3,000 Harrouns were built and none were known to survive until now. The car has a 4-cylinder, 3-speed manual transmission, black body and convertible top. There are rumors that another one is out there and sold a few years ago, but no pictures have surfaced, according to a spokesman from the historical society.

The Harroun was an automobile manufactured in Wayne by the Harroun Motor Sales Corp. from 1916 to 1920. The company bore the name of its founder, racing legend Ray Harroun, who in 1911 won the first Indianapolis 500 Sweepstakes.

The Harroun Motors Corp. raised $10,000,000 in stock to begin the car company and Harroun bought the buildings and equipment of the former Prouty and Glass Carriage Co. in 1916 for $40,000. The old carriage factory was 80,000 square feet and used for paint and upholstery, and in 1917 Harroun built a new 1,220,000 square foot factory next door for all other processes.

The company operated for 12-18 months producing 200 cars per day. There were three models offered: a roadster and a touring car (each priced at $595) and a sedan ($850), each powered by a four-cylinder engine. Cars were only available with a green body, brown roof and black fenders and upholstery. The roadster was only available in midnight blue. The goal was to get the price of cars below $500 to remain profitable. In 1918 Harroun also invented and patented a shock absorbing steering wheel to reduce driver fatigue.

In the spring of 1918 the company got a government contract to produce 200,000 artillery shells during World War I. The plan was to produce cars and artillery shells together in the factory, but the government sent an arbitrary order limiting the factory to only 25 cars per day. Harroun produced 23,899 155mm howitzer high explosive, Mark I, Type B shells for the war effort. The shells weighed 93 pounds and were stamped with a letter "R", the only marking to indicate the maker. Shells were loaded onto the Detroit United Railways streetcar that ran through Wayne and whisked to Detroit, where they were filled and capped.

After the war, the company tried to get started again, creating a new model for 1920. Representatives took the car on a tour from Detroit to Montana and on to Denver to prove its reliability. The tour went well, but the company still closed in 1920. Fewer than 3,000 cars were built. In 1923 the company assets were sold off and the factory bought by the Gotfredson Truck Co. in 1924.

Alumni from Geer School plan festival reunion

Julie Brown
Staff Writer

> *"There will be games for children and alumni available to reminiscence about what it was like to attend a one-room schoolhouse.*

Geer School, on Plymouth-Ann Arbor Road, offers Plymouth-Canton elementary students the chance to learn in a one-room schoolhouse. The children dress in period costumes and experience "Pioneer Days" each year.

The schoolhouse was used to educate area students from 1880-1982, and was for years the center of the community which explains its longevity, said Mary Guregian Jenkins. She and Mary Schroeder Berger are co-chairs of a Sunday, Sept. 8, Geer School reunion.

The school is at Gotfredson and Plymouth-Ann Arbor roads.

The alumni luncheon set for 12:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 8, at Karl's Cabin Restaurant is open to Geer alumni, spouses and friends. Tickets are $33, and ticket information is available from Mary Jenkins at jenkins.mary@comcast.net.

The open house, hosted by the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, will take place from 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 8, with free admission to the public.

There will be games for children and alumni available to reminiscence about what it was like to attend a one-room schoolhouse.

The alumni luncheon will feature a slide slow of historical photos from Geer School. Alumni will then drive to the school for the open house.

Jenkins attended Geer from 1960 to 1966.

"Every year, students, their families and other members of the community gathered at the school for potluck dinners, the Halloween parade and the annual Christmas play. It was consolidated with Plymouth Schools in the 1960s. It was restored to its original condition (complete with outhouses) after it closed in 1982 by the Geer School Mother's Club and is now on the National Register of Historic Places," she said.

South Lyon residents Janet Millross Renwick and her husband, Jack, look forward to the Geer reunion. Janet Renwick entered Geer School in 1937, attended through eighth grade in 1945 and began ninth grade at the old Plymouth High School, now the Plymouth Arts & Recreation Complex. She's the oldest alumna planning to attend.

"Mrs. Gladys Stacey was my teacher, followed by Florence Rupp then by Marilyn McClumpha. There were three in our eighth grade class, 23-25 most years in the whole school. My two brothers, Leonard Millross and David Millross, followed. We brought water in to drink from a pump outside," Renwick said.

She recalls putting the flag up each morning in front of the school. The day began with the Pledge of Allegiance, and students learned Parliamentary Procedure as well for their monthly meetings.

Renwick sat on a recitation bench at the front of the room while the others did their studies at Geer School. Students at Geer learned cursive writing in beginners and first grade.

She added, "Our music was from an outside teacher who would come for an hour monthly. We carried a lunch box, hot meal was a baked potato on the shelf of the furnace, put in at recess to be ready at noon."

Originally, the school had classes for kindergarten through eighth grade. But in 1960, a second room was added. After that, the "big room" housed kindergarten through third grade and the "little room" served grades four-six. Students then attended Plymouth Schools for seventh-12th grade classes, said Jenkins.

A Facebook group was formed several years ago and one alumnus suggested such a reunion. Jenkins notes Plymouth Fall Festival weekend was a natural choice because many people return to town.

"The same students were in my class every year and we all knew each other's older and younger brothers and sisters. It was similar to a Montessori school where one grade would be called to the front of the class for lessons and the kids in the other classes either worked on their homework or listened to the other class's lesson.

"The only sport that we played at Geer was softball, so I remember it was a big learning curve to go to West (Junior High) in sixth grade and have to learn basketball and volleyball in gym class," Jenkins recalled of her school years.

Jenkins said organizers appreciate the administration at Plymouth Canton Community Schools for opening the school to them for the reunion.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - PUBLIC HEARING
September 18, 2019 - 7:00 P.M.

The Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) has scheduled a public hearing for Wednesday, September 18, 2019 at the Northville Township Municipal Office Building, located at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI. The ZBA will consider a variance request to Chapter 170, Zoning Ordinance, Article 3.2, Accessory structures and uses, to allow a shed to be built within the side yard setback at 49228 Ridge Ct., ID# 77 030 01 0002 000.

Written comments regarding these requests will be received by the ZBA at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168. The meeting will begin at 7:00 P.M.

Paul Slatin, Chair
Zoning Board of Appeals

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CITY OF ROMULUS
PUBLIC HEARING - CANCELLED

Notice is hereby given that the Public Hearing scheduled on **Tuesday, September 3, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.** in the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174 to consider a new Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate pursuant to P.A. 198 of 1974 as amended, for **SCANNELL PROPERTIES LLC., 6999 Cogswell Street, Romulus, MI 48174** is **CANCELLED** and will be rescheduled at a later date.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
September 24, 2019 at 7:00 PM

The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on September 24, 2019 at the Northville Township Municipal Offices, 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan 48168. The Planning Commission will consider a request to rezone property located at 40724 Seven Mile Road (Parcel ID# 77 003 01 0084 000) from R-1 (Single Family Residential) to OS (Office Service). The meeting will begin at 7:00 PM.

The public is invited to attend this public hearing and express their comments or ask questions. Plans will be available for viewing at the Township between 8:00 AM and 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday. Written comments will be received by the Northville Township Planning Commission at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168.

Tim Zawodny, Chair
Planning Commission

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Notice of Public Hearing
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH, MI
PLANNING COMMISSION

APPLICATION NO.: 2342-0819
APPLICATION: Special Land Use
APPLICANT: Mr. Eugene Sherizen (Maplelawn Ventures, LLC)

PROPOSED ACTION: Consideration and Approval of a Special Land Use
DATE OF HEARING: Wednesday, September 18, 2019
TIME OF HEARING: 7:00 P.M.
PLACE OF HEARING: Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, MI 48170

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Plymouth has received an application requesting Special Land Use consideration and approval on Tax ID No. R-78-062-01-0019-305 and R-78-062-01-0019-306, pursuant to Zoning Ordinance No. 99, as amended. The property is located at 9282 General Drive, south of Ann Arbor Road, west of N. Haggerty Road and east of Lilley Road. The site is zoned the IND, Industrial district. Section 19.2 of the Zoning Ordinance classifies RV storage shelters as a Special Land Use in the IND district. The proposed facility will be an addition to the existing Stow and Go Self Storage Facility.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that persons interested may attend the public hearing and/or send correspondence regarding the application to Plymouth Township Hall, attn.: Carol Martin. Pertinent information relative to the application is on file at the Plymouth Township, Community Development Department (second floor counter) and may be viewed during regular business hours from 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.

The Charter Township of Plymouth will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities at the public hearing upon one weeks advance notice by writing or calling the Supervisor's Office, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, MI 48170; (734) 354-3201.

Publish by: On, or before September 2, 2019
Kendra Barberena, Secretary, Planning Commission

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Belleville - Inkster - Romulus

American Idol

Competition winner's group to appear on Romulus Pumpkin Festival stage

Ruben Studdard

The Romulus Pumpkin Festival will include a little star power this year with the visit of American Idol winner Ruben Studdard.

Studdard, who won the second season of American Idol in 2003, also won a Grammy nomination in 2003 for Best Male R&B Vocal Performance for his recording of Superstar.

Studdard and his musical group, Just A Few Cats, will perform on the Romulus Main Stage from 7-11 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 21 on the main stage during the upcoming Pumpkin Festival.

The group formed in 2000 to compete as a jazz band in a collegiate talent show. With a funky rendition of Marvin Gaye's "What's Going On", The Cats were victorious. While practicing for a local festival, Studdard approached the band about becoming the lead singer. With the addition of Studdard's silky-smooth voice and powerful stage presence, the band became a local sensation within Birmingham and surrounding areas.

As a newly evolved R & B and Soul band, Just A Few Cats claimed their spot as one of the hottest bands in the Southeast.

In January of 2003, Studdard went to Hollywood to eventually become the second American Idol. After his victory, Alvin 'Cornbread' Garrett joined Studdard on the American Idol 2 Tour as the bass guitarist. Shortly after the tour, the two joined back up with the rest of The Cats and hit the road.

Studdard and Just A Few Cats have showcased their performance abilities all over the world and will now bring their talents to Romulus.

Studdard, now 41, has released several albums and made his Broadway theatre debut in December 2018 in Ruben and Clay's Christmas Show aat the Imperial Theatre.

Studdard was born in Frankfurt, Germany, to American parents, while his father was stationed there with the U.S. Army. He grew up in Birmingham, Alabama, the youngest son of two teachers. At the age of 3, he sang for the first time at the Rising Star Baptist Church in his hometown of Birmingham. He continued singing gospel in church, performing solos as a child while his mother sang in the local choir. While at Huffman High School, he played football for which he received a scholarship to Alabama A&M University. While at Alabama A&M, he joined the Omicron Delta chapter of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia, the men's music fraternity of America.

From there he joined Just A Few Cats and one of the back-up singers from that group asked him to accompany her to Nashville to audition for the 2003 season of American Idol.

The rest, as they say, is history.

He won the contest over runner-up Clay Aiken by only 134,000 votes out of 24 million cast in the May 2003 finale, becoming the second American Idol winner. There is no cost for the Just A Few Cats' Romulus performance.

Motorcyclist killed in crash while fleeing Inkster police

An attempted routine traffic stop in Inkster ended in a death last week.

According to reports from the Michigan State Police, a Westland man was killed while fleeing from Inkster police at about 9:44 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 20. Reports indicate that the man drove the motorcycle he was riding into a bus in Garden City.

The preliminary police investigation revealed that the Inkster police officers on routine patrol observed a motorcycle disregard a red traffic light on Middlebelt Road. The officers activated their emergency lights, according to police reports, in an attempt to conduct a traffic stop but driver of the motorcycle fled the scene. The officers pursued the cyclist northbound on Henry Ruff Road near Ford Road in Garden City, where the rider again disregarded a red light and crashed the motorcycle into the side of a SMART bus in the intersection.

The driver of the motorcycle, a 40-year-old man from Westland, was transported by EMS workers to a local hospital where he was pronounced dead. His name was not released by police officials who said the crash remains under investigation.

Lease for satellite library OK'd by Sumpter trustees

It took five or six revisions, but a 12-page lease for the hexagon house in Sumpter Township has been approved.

The hexagon house, located across Sumpter Road from Sumpter Township Hall, will be used as a satellite library serving the area. The agreement was also approved by the members of the Belleville District Library Board the same evening. The building, owned by the township, is expected to be open for use by the public by late October or early November.

Joy Cichewicz, a member of the library board building committee, said the house was originally built as a senior center and most recently served as the office of the township Department of Public Works. That department has now moved into the former post office building and work has already begun to renovate the hexagon building into a media center. The hexagon house will operate in conjunction with the new $14 million Belleville Area District Library currently under construction on Fourth Street.

Exterior renovations are being done by the township while interior remodeling is being performed under the direction of the library board. The new lease agreement requires the library, as the tenant, to pay the township $200,000 as a contribution to the improvements the township as the landlord is making. That sum is in the library budget, Cichewicz said.

The term of the 49-year lease will commence when the township notifies the library that all of the improvements are complete. The lease also includes several other standard clauses including a nuisance provision and a prohibition against political signage.

Belleville Community Chorus begins new membership campaign

The Belleville Community Chorus, under the direction of Rachael Parr, is seeking new members for the upcoming season.

Parr said new members are invited to join the group "as we embark on our 14th year of presenting diverse vocal selections for the enjoyment of the tri-community."

She said that singers of all types, soprano, alto, tenor, bass, or even those who are unsure, are welcome to be part of the group. "We will find a place for you," she said.

The Belleville Community Chorus is a non-profit organization, made up of volunteers of all ages who love to sing. Using a variety of choral music, the members perform in an effort to provide enrichment, education, and enjoyment for the members and the audiences in the Belleville area communities.

Rehearsals take place at 7 p.m. every Monday, beginning Sept. 9 at the First United Methodist Church at 417 Charles St. in Belleville. A fall concert is set for December.

Anyone interested in joining the singers, need only attend the first rehearsal. Parr said the group is "especially hoping to increase our men's sections."

For more information, contact Paula Pence- Poston at (734) 725-1425 or email mspaula35@hotmail.com.

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'Fore' Mack
New golf course named for long-time employee

The Westland Municipal Golf Course was renamed in honor of Mack Mayfield, above, at official dedication ceremonies last Friday. Mayfield said he was humbled by the honor. One of the speakers was long-time Mayfield friend Glenn Shaw, Jr., below,

Mack Mayfield has made a name for himself in his community.

Now that name will adorn one of the major amenities in the city.

Last Friday, Westland Mayor William R. Wild hosted the dedication ceremony of the Mack Mayfield Municipal Golf Course in the city. Among the speakers at the event all lauding Mayfield's long and extensive service to his community were Darlene Mayfield, former Mayor Charles (Trav) Griffin, Arthur Warren, Benny McGough and Glenn Shaw, Jr.

Mayfield and his wife of more than 70 years, Bertha, have lived in Westland since 1957. A former truck driver, Mayfield began working for the City of Westland in the Water and Sewer Department where he steadily advanced to job of superintendent, the first African-American to serve in a supervisory role in the history of the city

Mayfield served alongside members of the community and government in their efforts to improve the city and the surrounding communities through volunteer service, including newspaper sales for the Westland Goodfellows and involvement in the Wayne Westland YMCA. He served as the president of the Southeast Westland Homeowners Association, and was an Elder and Property Manager at the Lutheran Church of our Savior; Mayfield was also a member of the Westland Jaycees, served on the Inkster Board of Education, was a member of the Westland Breakfast Lions Club, a member of VFW Post 3323 and a member of the Westland Civitans, the Inkster branch of the NAACP and a member of the Westland Civil Service Commission

"I am honored to dedicate the Westland Municipal Golf Course on behalf of the City of Westland as the Mack Mayfield Municipal Golf Course in recognition of his over 60 years of dedication to the City of Westland," commented Mayor William R. Wild. "As an employee, Mack Mayfield broke the color barrier and rose to the rank of superintendent through talent, determination and leadership. As a resident, Mack has set the standard for integrity, family values and community spirit."

Speakers all commented on Mayfield's long record of service to his community and the number of awards and honors he has received for his volunteer service.

Mayfield held the record for the most Goodfellow newspapers sold for five consecutive years and was honored with a lifetime commitment award from the Wayne-Westland YMCA. His church chose him for the Man For All Seasons award based on his service to the church and Ford Motor Co. chose him for the Town Crier Bell Award. He was also the Westland Jaycee Outstanding Citizen and was named as the City of Westland First Citizen.

"The City of Westland and its residents show our sincere appreciation and respect to Mack Mayfield and we are honored to dedicate the Mack Mayfield Municipal Golf Course in his name," Wild said at the close of the ceremony.

The Mack Mayfield Municipal Golf Course was built on the site of the former Birch Hills Country Club and is a 2,833 yard, par 34, nine-hole course located at 500 South Merriman Road in Westland.

Northville Genealogy Society to welcome guest speaker

Katherine Willson, a professional genealogist, has some answers for those who regularly get online and hope to find something new about their ancestors and for those who wish they could just get a notification letting them know if any new information has been added to the web on the topic.

Google Alerts is the solution, Willson claims. She will speak to members of the Northville Genealogical Society on the topic of "Google Alerts" following a short business meeting set for 2:30 p.m. Sept. 8 at the Northville District Library.

In this presentation, Willson will discuss how to set up effective Google Alerts to help find what searchers are looking in genealogical research. The public is invited to attend the meeting, free of charge.

The Northville District Library is located at 212 West Cady St. in Northville. The roundtable discussion, "Organizing Your Data," will begin at 1:15 p.m. followed by a short business meeting at 2:30 p.m., open to the public.

Willson is an engaging and dynamic genealogy lecturer at local, regional and national conferences, a society member said. She is also an educator who has been teaching beginning, intermediate and advanced genealogy classes since 2001 and is the author of "The Genealogist's Guide to Grand Rapids, Michigan" and a professional researcher for private clients.

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Calendar of events

Fall Festival tickets on sale

Tickets for the Civitans Taste Fest, the Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast, the Rotary A.M. Spaghetti Dinner and the Rotary Chicken Barbeque are now available at multiple locations throughout Plymouth.

Signs in area businesses are promoting the sale of tickets for the events which are all charity fundraisers during the Fall Festival set for Sept. 6, 7 and 8. For more information, visit Plymouthfallfestival.com.

Movie Night at police department

The Inkster Police Department will host a free movie night at 8:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 30 at the Inkster Police Department parking lot, 26279 Michigan Ave. in Inkster.

There will be free popcorn, snow cones, hot dogs and other refreshments. The movie will be The Secret Life of Pets.

The viewing is outside so attendees are encouraged to dress for the weather and bring a chair or blanket to sit on.

Residents of all ages are welcome.

GriefShare seminars begin

GriefShare, a 13-week grief recovery seminar and support group, will meet from 6-8 p.m. every Thursday beginning Sept. 5 at 5 Points Church in Romulus.

Meetings will continue through Dec. 12.

The church is located at 37300 Goddard at Huron River Drive.

GriefShare features nationally recognized experts on grief recovery topics. Seminar sessions include "Is This Normal?" "The Challenges of Grief," "Grief and Your Relationships," "Why?" and "Guilt and Anger."

For more information, call Barbara Schultz at 5 Points Church, (734) 941-1511 or www.griefshare.org.

Church plans yard sale

The Lighthouse Home Mission will host a yard sale from 9 a.m. until 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 30 through Saturday, Sept. 7.

All proceeds go to the mission pantry to purchase food for those in need. There will be gently used items of all types for sale.

Lighthouse Home Mission is located at 34033 Palmer Road in Westland. For information, call (734) 326-3885.

Overdose Awareness Day planned

The Northwest Wayne Families Against Narcotics will celebrate International Overdose Awareness Day from 6-9 p.m. Aug. 31 in the south pavilions 4 and 5 and amphitheater at Heritage Park in Canton.

The day is dedicated to remembering those who lost their battles fighting drug addiction. There will be speakers, live music, food and a candlelight vigil. The event is free and open to the public.

Visitors are urged to bring a photo of their lost loved one for a memorial display.

Heritage Park is located at 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton and the pavilions are just east of the Summit on the Park building.

Art club meets at library

Three Cities Art Club members have scheduled future club meetings at the Plymouth District Library, located at 223 S. Main St. in downtown Plymouth.

The first meeting at the new venue will begin at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 3. Club member Lonnie Haines will explain the benefits of journaling to improve artistic creations. Haines will present different types of journals and techniques that can be applied to any medium

The public is welcome to attend this free event from 7-9 p.m. and light refreshments will be served. For more information about the meeting, contact Marilyn Meredith at (313) 231-3939 or email marilynmeredith@wowway.com.

Township hosts blood drive

Plymouth Township and the American Red Cross are hosting a blood drive from 1-7 p.m. Sept. 4. The effort will take place at Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty, Plymouth.

Fire Chief Daniel Phillips is coordinating the effort.

According to an official statement from the Red Cross, "The need for blood is constant and only volunteer donors can fulfill that need for patients in our community. Nationwide, someone needs a unit of blood every 2 to 3 seconds and most of us will need blood in our lifetime."

Blues at the Elks set

Nicky T. and The Snake Charmers will perform at the Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge 325 from 7 until 10 p.m. Sept. 10.

The blues band includes former members of The Alligators band.

The lodge is located at 41700 Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth.

For more information, call (734)453-1780.

Chicken dinner is served

The Willow United Methodist Church will serve a Chicken Supper beginning at 5 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 11. Carryout meals are available at 4:30 p.m. at the church, 36925 Willow Road in New Boston.

Meals cost $12 per person and include fried chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, biscuits and gravy, cole slaw, dessert, coffee, tea or milk.

Children's meals for those younger than 12 are available for $5.

For information or directions, call (734) 654-9020.

Veteran Health Summit set

The Canton Community Foundation and Legal Help for Veterans will present the 10th Annual Veteran Health Summit 2019 from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 18 at Schoolcraft College VisTaTech Center.

Topics at the free event include maximizing veteran's health care; veteran's disability update, health care in the community, Ann Arbor VA Medical Center update and an update from the Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency.

The is no cost to attend for all military veterans, friends, family and caregivers.

Registration is requested, however, as there will be a boxed lunch provided at the close of the day.

For information or registration call the Canton Community Foundation at (734) 495-1200.

Sears homes is topic

The Wayne Historical Society will host guest speakers Andrew and Wendy Mutch who will discuss the history of Sears Kit houses in Michigan at 7 p.m. Sept. 12.

The meeting will take place at the Historical Museum, 1 Town Square, at the corner of Main and Biddle, in downtown Wayne.

The meeting is free and open to the public.

Garden Club to meet

Country Garden Club of Northville members will meet at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 11 at Ward Church, 40000 Six Mile Road in Northville.

There will be social time with snacks and speaker Tim Nowicki will discuss Birds of Michigan. There will also be a business meeting.

New members are welcome.

For more information, call (248)202-1518.

Library to host book sale

Friends of the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland will host a book sale from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. on Friday Sept. 13 and Saturday, Sept. 14 and from noon until 3 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 15. Sunday is also bag day when a bag of books can be purchased for $4.

The library is located at 6123 Central City Parkway in Westland.

For more information, call (734) 326-6123 x2844

Fill the boot

The annual Plymouth Township Fire Department Fill-the-Boot Campaign will begin at 9 a.m. Sept. 7 and 8 in front of the Kroger store at Ann Arbor and Sheldon roads. Township firefighters will be greeting customers and collecting funds to help local families affected by Muscular Dystrophy. Plymouth Township Firefighters (from left) Randy Rossell, Chris Smith, Adam Guinn, and Ean Culver collect donations for MDA at the Plymouth Kroger store.

Sale

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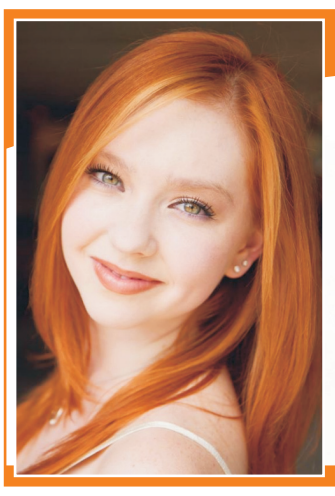
homes on the east side of Ann Street, then east on Farmer to Theodore Street.

"There won't be commercial or retail," Soenen said about the "numerous proposals" currently under consideration for the property.

"We have to be mindful of what the city wants and what their requirements are. We're getting proposals from developers and talking about density, parking and traffic flow. We're analyzing and selecting the best offer," he added.

"We believe that demolition of this historic building and replacing it with a massive new sub-division would devastatingly alter and forever diminish the character and feel of our community," said Mark Malcolm last year in an open letter prior to the election in which the millage question was defeated by voters.

Signature Associates broker Rick Birdsall was hesitant to talk about any of the tendered proposals. "They are in the negotiating stages. Give me a week and I'll know more," he said.



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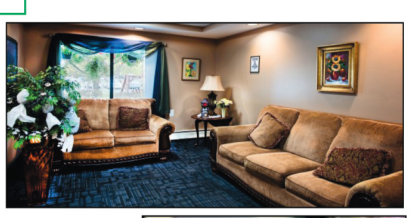

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